

ALDERMAN IN A BOODLE TRAP; TWO ARRESTS

Plot to Deliver Their Votes for the Election of a Recorder Was the Basis of the Deal with Many Members of the Board.

GO-BETWEEN IS CAUGHT WITH THE MARKED CASH.

According to Arrangement, Sufficient Members Were to Be Secured to Switch the Result of the Election for \$500 Apiece.

A plan of ten or more members of the Board of Aldermen to sell their votes to a candidate for the office of Recorder was uncovered to-day by the District-Attorney and Alderman William S. Clifford, of Queens, and David Mann, the go-between, were arrested with the goods on them—\$6,000 in marked bills.

Mann confessed all he knew about the plot. Other warrants were applied for in the West Side Police Court. These warrants were given to detectives with instructions to serve them immediately.

Clifford asserted that he could deliver eleven or twelve votes any way they were wanted for \$500 apiece, but it is reported that not all the Aldermen were consulted.

The vote of the Municipal Ownership Aldermen for former Judge Cowing at to-day's meeting of the Board was part of the plan of bribery—but Judge Cowing knew nothing about it.

ONE WAS APPROACHABLE.

It was learned several days ago that a certain Municipal Ownership Alderman was approachable. Investigation led to a visit to Alderman Clifford at his home, in Long Island City, on Saturday, by a man who said his name was Hashell and that he represented certain corporate interests that did not want to see Francis McAvoy elected Recorder. These interests, explained the visitor, would stand for Meyers or Cowing.

Alderman Clifford said he could deliver the necessary votes for \$500 each, and a further meeting was arranged.

At the meeting further details were agreed upon. Clifford said that he could deliver twelve votes if necessary in any direction the men with the money wanted them thrown. First, he said, the money would have to be put up with a go-between. When the money was in escrow, he said, he would demonstrate by any agreed plan that he had control of a sufficient number of votes to elect Meyers—or any candidate but McAvoy—whom the Republicans or Tammany Hall Aldermen might choose later.

Hashell suggested that Clifford exhibit a test vote at to-day's meeting of the Board of Aldermen. At the previous two sessions the M. O. L. vote had been cast for John Palmieri. Clifford said that to show that he could deliver this vote he would shift it to ex-Judge Cowing.

The scheme was fixed up and Clifford promised to see the other Aldermen in the deal. By appointment Hashell met him this morning at the Delaware Hotel, Thirty-fourth street and Fourth avenue. Clifford was accompanied by David Mann, foreman of Miller Bros' stone yard, at One Hundred and Third street and First avenue.

THE TRUSTED FRIEND.

"Mr. Mann is my friend and is to be trusted," explained Clifford. "Give him the money and he will keep it until after I have demonstrated at the City Hall this afternoon that I can deliver the goods. I will call him up on the telephone and later call on him and get the money."

Hashell said he was satisfied. Reaching into his pocket he produced \$6,000 in bills that had previously been marked at the District-Attorney's office. The money was handed to Mann who put it in his pocket. Clifford and Hashell then left. Detective-Serg. Flood and County Detective Reardon, who had seen the whole transaction from a safe place of concealment followed Mann and arrested him as soon as Clifford and Hashell were out of sight.

Mann professed to be in ignorance of inside information about the matter. He said he was willing to aid the officers. Flood and Reardon instructed him to go to the stoneyard, wait for the message from Clifford and pay over the money when the Alderman appeared.

Mann went to work, the detectives accompanying him and picking out hiding places from which they could observe what was to happen. At 3 o'clock Mann was called to the telephone. Clifford was at the other end of the wire. He said that pursuant to his agreement he had delivered the Municipal Ownership vote to Cowing and would be right up after the money.

THE MONEY IS TRANSFERRED.

He appeared in about half an hour. Mann handed him the money.

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Note the Green Papers in the Cars To-Day!

FIRE ADDS TO THE HORROR IN WRECKED CITY

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Jan. 15.—The cable station at Holland Bay, Jamaica, reports that a very severe earthquake occurred there at 3.30 Monday afternoon. The cable office was badly damaged and all the land lines to Kingston were instantly interrupted. Communication by the land lines was restored this afternoon to within five miles of Kingston.

That day reports a terrible earthquake on Monday afternoon. The city was destroyed and there was much loss of life and property. Everybody is camping out and much distress prevails. Fires started at Kingston immediately after the earthquake.

The Jamaica-Colon and the Jamaica-Bermuda cables are interrupted.

ALDERMAN HELD IN BAIL.

Alderman Clifford was held by Magistrate Whitman in \$10,000 bail for examination in West Side Court to-morrow.

LATE NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.

Fifth—Merry Belle 25-1. Daimore 6-5 place. Gold Coin. Sixth—Rusk 1-1. Butinsky 10-1 place. Miss Leads.

Just as he was putting it in his pocket after counting it, Flood and Reardon appeared from their place of concealment.

Clifford apparently recognized them. He turned and ran from the yard at top speed. Flood and Reardon took after him.

When he saw they were gaining he threw the money away, but the detectives say they have witnesses who saw him do it. These witnesses saw Reardon pick the money up and take charge of it.

Both Mann and Clifford were taken to the District-Attorney's office, where preparations were made to put the Alderman through a stiff third degree. District-Attorney Jerome, who is in Albany, gave some advice over the telephone, and it is believed that Clifford will make many sensational disclosures.

MANY BALLOTS TAKEN.

Under the ruling of the Corporation Counsel that the Board of Aldermen has power to elect a Recorder to serve out the remainder of Recorder Goff's term vacated by his elevation to the Supreme Court bench, the Aldermen have been balloting at intervals for a week.

There have been peculiar switches in the result, but at no time has either of the candidates got within reaching distance of the forty votes necessary to elect.

Balloting began at the regular meeting of the board held a week ago to-day. The last ballot taken on that occasion resulted as follows: James Cowdin Meyers, Republican, thirty-five votes.

Francis McAvoy, Tammany, thirty-one votes.

John Palmieri, Municipal Ownership, ten votes.

Another session was held without material change in the result. At the close of the second session several Tammany men announced that there would be enough votes changed from Palmieri to elect McAvoy before many more ballots were cast.

At to-day's session the Municipal Ownership men dropped Palmieri and substituted as their candidate former Judge Rufus B. Cowing. There were several absentees and the deadlock was not broken.

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KINGSTON, JAMAICA, REPORTED DESTROYED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Much Loss of Life Also Reported in a Bulletin Sent Out by Western Union Telegraph Company—Communication With the City Is Cut Off.

The following bulletin was issued by the Associated Press this afternoon:

"The Western Union Telegraph Company has received advices that communication with Kingston, Jamaica, is interrupted, also to the Isthmus via Jamaica, caused apparently by earthquake.

"Later advices say land line communication restored to within five miles of Kingston."

"Traffic may be accepted at sender's risk subject to heavy delay.

"Reported that Kingston has been DESTROYED by an EARTHQUAKE, with MUCH LOSS OF LIFE. No further details given."

Later—The cables to Bermuda have been interrupted since last evening.

CITY WIPED OUT, IT IS REPORTED.

According to a private despatch received over the Western Union cables from Holland's Bay the city has been entirely wiped out by the earthquake.

It is believed to have occurred about noon. Kingston is entirely cut off, cable operators at that city not answering the call.

Communication with Holland's Bay resulted in the information that the report of the destruction of Kingston was authentic. The cable connections with the eastern end of the Island of Jamaica have been severed.

Holland's Bay is the extreme eastern end of Jamaica, about forty miles from Kingston.

A later cable dispatch from St. Thomas, which is still in open communication with Holland's Bay, in effect was that the land line over the island of Jamaica had been repaired to within five miles of Kingston.

Beyond the report that communications with Kingston had been interrupted by earthquake, we have received no word from Jamaica," said Manager Meier, of the Hamburg-American line, late this afternoon.

"We have no steamers in the port of Kingston to-day, and none are due to arrive there to-morrow. We have open cable communication with our agents throughout the West Indies, but have been unable to obtain any information regarding Kingston.

"The report that the land line of telegraph had been repaired to within five miles of the city would indicate that Kingston has not fared so badly as at first reported."

FORETOLD BY A BUSY PROPHET.

The Kingston earthquake is a startling fulfillment of a prophecy made last December by Lee Spangler, of York, Pa., the man who predicted the eruption of Mt. Pelee, the assassination of President McKinley, the Spanish-American war, and the defeat of Russia by Japan.

Mr. Spangler announced shortly before Christmas that there would be a disastrous earthquake soon after the beginning of the year.

Slight earthquake shocks have been felt in various parts of the world ever since early in January. Mr. Spangler predicts that the preliminary earthquakes will serve as warnings of the end of the world, which, he says, will come to pass at the close of 1908.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK RECORDED.

ALBANY, Jan. 15.—State Geologist Clark this afternoon said that the seismograph at the State Museum recorded an earthquake shock here yesterday. The vibration here was slight, the main movement being from east to west. The duration of the movement was about fifty minutes, beginning at 12.47 P. M.

PREVIOUS DISASTERS ON THE ISLAND

This is only one of the many disasters that have befallen the stricken island. Earthquakes, cyclones and tidal waves, from time to time, have devastated it. The most recent was in August, 1903, when a hurricane swept over the eastern end of Jamaica. Hundreds of lives were lost and property worth more than \$10,000,000 was destroyed.

On Nov. 13 last an exceedingly sharp earthquake was felt in the south and the north of the island at 11 o'clock at night. It was followed immediately by a second shock, which was the heaviest experienced in Jamaica in many years.

The settlement of the city of Kingston was the result of the Port Royal earthquake in 1692, many survivors settling on the seaboard of the Liguanea plain. Kingston is the outgrowth of that settlement. There were disastrous fires in 1770, 1783, 1789 and 1822, the result being

a city with few fine features of architecture and importance.

In the 1903 hurricane Port Maria, Port Antonio and Bay Moran were destroyed and a dozen smaller towns and villages were wiped off the map.

In Kingston the full force of the smashing wind was not felt, but scores of houses and shops were destroyed, while six churches were sunk in the harbor. In the same hurricane at Port Antonio the warehouse and warehouse of the United Fruit Company of New York were totally destroyed.

The damage of this great storm to new plantations in which many Americans had invested has not entirely been offset even after three years. But Jamaicans have become accustomed to great disasters.

One reason for the many earthquakes is that the entire interior of the island is a mountain range, mostly of volcanic origin, rising

FACTS ABOUT THE CITY AND ITS PEOPLE.

Kingston is the capital of the island of Jamaica and the principal seaport and commercial city of that island.

It is situated on the south coast and on the north side of a fine harbor.

The latter is a land-locked basin available for the largest ships, and is inclosed on the south by a long tongue of land, at the extremity of which is Port Royal.

The population of Kingston is about 50,000.

None of the houses are of great height, but many of them are substantially built, with old-fashioned, thick walls.

Electric cars of the most modern type traverse the city, and everybody gets a seat.

A small percentage only of the population is white.

Most of the business of Kingston is done by the United Fruit Company, which has control of the best plantations.

The principal hotel in the town is the Myrtle Bank, in which at this time of the year are many Americans. Six miles out is the Constant Springs Hotel, beautifully situated at the foot of the hills, with a fine golf course.

The acting Catholic Bishop of Kingston is the Right Rev. Father Collins, who was formerly at Fordham University, this city. Most of his assisting clergy are from New York.

The report reached the Western Union Telegraph Company through the cable manager at St. Thomas, and no further particulars have been received.

The channel through which the harbor of Kingston is reached is very narrow. Shoals run out from old Port Royal, about which there is the tradition of a city under the water. Once around the point, one of the finest land-locked harbors in the world is disclosed.

In the centre of the city is the Kingston Parade Garden, ten acres, neatly and elaborately laid out with shade trees, which are novelties to visitors from colder climes. The most striking building, architecturally, is the M. C. S. Institution, in Hanover street, devoted to the Christian Science movement.

Of the churches there prominent were the Presbyterian Kirk, in East Queen street, with the nave channel adjoining the Roman Catholic church, and the Wesleyan Methodist church, in the same street.

One of the most prominent was the Wesleyan Methodist church, in the same street. The Wesleyan Methodist church, in the same street, was situated at the corner of the Kingston Parish church, where Ad-son's body was buried.

The island has a reputation of being the best of the world, of which only 20,000 whites. There are thirteen cities, of which the largest is Kingston.

WAY IS CLEARED FOR THAW TRIAL.

Justice Fitzgerald Strikes Other Cases Set For Next Week Off Calendar.

The trial of Harry Thaw will follow the Hilbert trial in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court before Justice Fitzgerald.

All the cases set by that Justice previously for next week were marked off the calendar to-day and the panel of jurors, exclusive of those sitting in the Hilbert case, were discharged for the term.

It is expected the Hilbert case will be completed by Friday of this week. The Thaw trial has been set for next Monday.

FURLONG MUST DIE FOR KILLING AUNT.

Court of Appeals Affirms the Conviction of Young New York Man.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, Jan. 15.—The Court of Appeals has affirmed the judgment of conviction of murder in the first degree in the case of Frank Furlong, for killing his aunt, Margaret Keeler, in November, 1904, in New York City. Furlong was only fifteen years old and his defense was that the crime was committed during an epileptic attack.

Furlong killed his aunt for the purpose of getting a large sum of money and a lot of jewelry, and it was through the pawning of the latter that the police got a clue to him. He was sentenced to pay the death penalty in the chair by Judge Foster in the Court of General Sessions on Jan. 20, 1905.